

## HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF MILFORD

Memorial Hall, School Street Milford, MA 01757



Chairman Robert Andreola called the June 8, 2022 meeting of the Milford Historical Commission to order at 7:01 pm in Memorial Hall. Motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Ron Marino, seconded by Pam Fields. The motion was unanimous.

Cyber Security Online Training 2022 has been completed and our budget is closed for the fiscal year.

Bob sent a letter to the Select Board with our recommendation for reappointments.

We have yet to receive a reply from Kristen Heitert, Senior Investigator, regarding the National Grid Line 323 Refurbishment Project. Ron Marino volunteered to be present for the archaeological survey.

Computer files and DVDs are being copied onto flash drives and Blue Binders are being scanned.

The 2021 Annual Town Report is available and we will receive our hard-covered copy next month. Bob will pick up the new MHS yearbook to add to our collection.

Catherine Marenghi, a Milford author, will read excerpts from her new novel "Our Good Name" in the GAR Hall Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. It relates stories about Italian Immigrants coming to Milford from Northern Italy, the social upheaval of the time, and the trial of Sacco and Vanzetti. Nicola Sacco lived here in Milford.

A letter was sent to Dr. Kevin McIntyre requesting that next year the school resume visits with 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> graders. We want to encourage the younger generation to respect Milford and in the future take an active part in Town Government and help preserve our history for future generations.

Peter Mazzini donated an antique wax sealer with a bank stamp logo, a medal from 1903 of the Club Italiano of Beneficenza, as well as, booklets from Sacred Heart Church, the Boy Scouts, and the town's Quincentennial Grand Ball which was held in the Armory, October 3, 1992, noting the voyage of Columbus 500 years ago.

Anne presented a program on Milford's history at the Men's Club in the Senior Center on May 26th.

Memorial Day, Ron and I welcomed visitors after the parade. Some young boys inquired about Nick DeMaria who is a 98 years old Veteran of WWII. He will be visiting Washington DC with his daughter Jo-Ann Morgan, sponsored by "Thanks to Yanks" and "Honor Flight New England" for Father's Day.

Donations this month include an antique wax sealer with a bank logo, a medal from 1903, Club Italiano of Beneficenza, and booklets from town events by Peter Mazzini. We also received 25 Oak Lily and Ivy yearbooks from Patricia Canali.

We purchased a book by Sam Mancuso, "The Good Friday Cave," which is a story of young boys growing up in the Plains section of town.

There was a message on the phone regarding a steamer trunk with General Draper's name on it. We will follow up on it and suggest that they contact the Hopedale Historical Society.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:50 pm by Anne Lamontagne, seconded by Pam Fields. Motion was unanimous. The next scheduled meeting is August 10, 2022 at 7 PM in Memorial Hall. We do not meet in July.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Lamontagne

Secretary

Commissioners Present Robert Andreola, Chairman

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Robert Samiagio, Treasurer

Anne Lamontagne, Secretary

Pam Fields

Ron Marino

Mary Villani

Jim Miller

Guest Bill Farrell